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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE	:	Administrative Action
CERTIFICATION	:	
OF	:	
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CARLA CARABALLO	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
Certification # 26NB00335300	:	OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
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TO PRACTICE AS A HOMEMAKER-HOME	:	
HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Carla S. Caraballo ("Respondent"), a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on July 9, 2016 by members of the Denville Township Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A., 2C:24-8A Neglect Of Elderly Or Disabled Persons. Specifically, it is alleged that Respondent refused to assist her 91 year old patient with

walking, threatened to leave her on the floor all night if she fell and then left her on the floor for a prolonged period of time after the patient fell. The patient suffered a significant head injury prior to Respondent calling for emergency services.

The allegations, if proven, would disqualify Respondent from certification under N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3, demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting crimes or offenses which relate adversely to the activity regulated by the Board, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), gross malpractice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), providing bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's certification.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily surrendering her certification, to be deemed a suspension, without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 29 day of July, 2016,

ORDERED:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave to voluntarily surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey to be deemed a

suspension, pending the disposition of the criminal charges against her, satisfaction of any criminal sentencing terms imposed upon her and further order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, mail her homemaker-home health aide certificate, both wallet and wall versions, to Twalema Khonje, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and/or practicing as a certified homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse pending further order of the Board. Any practice in this State shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the homemaker-home health aide practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency,

including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

5. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above or upon disposition of the criminal matter, including, but not limited to, action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3 in the event of Respondent's conviction of a disqualifying crime.

6. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey certification in the future, Respondent shall:

- a. Furnish the Board with documentation of the disposition of the criminal charge against her and successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any).
- b. Appear before the Board to discuss her readiness to reenter practice as a homemaker-home health aide.
- c. Provide the Board with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a certificate holder in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare.

7. The Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey in the event that her certification is reinstated.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy
Patricia Murphy, PhD. APR, FAAN
President

I have read and understand
the above Consent Order and
I agree to abide by its terms.
I understand that this Consent
Order has serious legal
consequences and have decided to
enter into this agreement with
the Board without counsel.
Consent is hereby given to the
Board to enter this Order.

Carla Caraballo
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7/19/16
Date